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On a tour of the Yukon, Fernanda Cunha sways her audience with smooth vocals in Dawson on October 14. See story on page 8. Photo by Alyssa Friesen

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What to SEE AND DO in DAWSON now:

This free public service helps our readers find their way through the many activities all over town. Any small happening may need preparation and planning, so let us know in good time! To join this listing contact the office at klondikesun@northwestel.net.

Klondike Institute of Art and Culture (KIAC)

THE NATURAL AND THE MANUFACTURED LECTURE: Yukon and Western Arctic historian for Parks Canada, David Neufeld, on *Landscapes and Dreamscapes: Human Perspectives on Caribou*. Saturday, October 29 at 4 p.m. at KIAC. Free admission.

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KIAC CHRISTMAS ART FAIR: Save the date: Saturday, November 26. Tables will be available for artists and crafters to sell their wares. Stay tuned for more info.

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BODY BLAST: Group fitness class combining cardio, full-body strength and core. RSS ancillary room. \$2 drop in. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. starting October 18.

DROP IN BADMINTON: Badminton in the RSS gymnasium for all ages. Mondays, 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., starting October 17.

For more information on these and other available programs, please contact the Recreation Department, 993-2353

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Korbo Demolition Underway



The roof and siding are coming off the decommissioned John Korbo apartments. There may be several layers to both as the building has been both retrofitted and given a new roof system within the last 20 years. Photo by Dan Davidson.

Story by Dan Davidson

Demolition work has begun on the John Korbo Apartment Building on 6th Avenue in Dawson. The Yukon Housing

Corporation determined that the age and condition of the building, coupled with contamination from a 22,000 litre heating fuel leak during 2010, made it impossible to

restore the ailing forty year old building to other uses now that its replacement across town has been finished and all the former tenants here have been relocated to there.

Former Klondike MLA Steve Nordick, who was the minister in charge of the Yukon Housing Corporation, indicated that it was YHC's intent to have low cost (but not subsidized)

housing erected on this site through some undefined form of public-private partnership within the next two years.

NEWS

The Land of the Sun Closes

Story by Lisa McKenna

The annual closing of the Midnight Sun Hotel happened yet again. That's when Dawsonites start to feel winter is coming. There was free entertainment, \$1 pints of Yukon Gold, two for one ciders, everything needed for a shut-down party.

The Midnight Sun was established in 1972 and the wings own three buildings full of lots of different rooms to fit one's needs - there's even FREE room service! Sadly, everything is boarded up and they don't reopen till May 1st.

pulled the deadbolt on the "summer" door and now it's through the lobby door all winter.

They're not the only establishments to close their doors. The Westmark is boarded up, the Triple J, Sourdough Sam's, and of course the Goldrush R.V. park has been closed for awhile now. Klondike Kate's has their plywood outside and ready, and Nora's Kitchen has closed as well. (Makes you want to cry, they made great chicken burgers!)

If a person was to come up here, for their first time, at this time of year they would think

not unlikely, now-a-days, to walk from one side of town to the other and not see a single vehicle and as it gets colder one would probably not even see a single person!

It's life in the far north and it is loved by those who live here. The challenge, the pitting of oneself against the forces of nature, the mere idea that human race can survive at such extreme temperatures, well, it's fascinating, thrilling, and unbelievable.

Yes, the North is closing down somewhat but there are always year-rounders and spring openings!!



The Midnight Sun Hotel is boarded shut for the winter. Photo by Dan Davidson.

City Concerned About Landfill Capacity

Story by Alyssa Friesen

As the demolition of the Korbo Apartments gets underway, conversation at the City Council meeting on October 12 turned to the disposal of the construction waste in Quigley Landfill.

The CAO's Report, dated October 7, highlighted the Yukon Housing Corporation's application and approval for the demolition, noting "the report permission has not been provided by the CAO for the demolition waste to be placed in the Quigley Landfill", in accordance with the Waste Management Bylaw.

CAO Jeff Renaud said that he planned to meet with demolition contractor on the following afternoon, October 13, to discuss a plan "for what was intended to go in Quigley and how much, and to determine whether it would be accepted or not."

"There is some very significant concern on the part of our superintendent (of public works) that accepting this waste will essentially fill what we have left of the construction demolition area," said Renaud.

According to Renaud, if the construction demolition area was filled, it would force the city to expand the site.

"There is a reserve around that we can expand to, but that will have significant costs," said Renaud.

Other matters on the agenda included the Community Development and Planning Report, the Fire Chief's Report, discussion of a Municipal Credit Card, Frank Narozny's application for a lot enlargement south of the Klondike Highway in Callison, a Water and Sewer Services Bylaw amendment, Public Service Bylaw amendments, the project status report for the

Dawson Wastewater Treatment Facility, and a request from the Dawson Firefighters Association (DCFFA) to donate the first fire chief's vehicle to the new DCFFA extended facility.

The vagueness of the status report for the Wastewater Treatment Facility, dated September 30, was a topic of some concern. Council questioned the brevity of the schedule and costs for operation provided by YTG's project manager, Catherine Harwood.

Finally, the DCFFA request was met with enthusiasm. The historic vehicle will join the collection of apparatuses and equipment housed in the extended facility as a community asset and tourist attraction. Councillor Wayne Potoroka made the suggestion a set of golf clubs should be placed in the back, to trigger memory of a popular story.

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OPINIONS

Uffish Thoughts: There's Hope in the Londonderry Air

Story and photos by
Dan Davidson

There was a bomb scare in Londonderry last night (September 26). As such things go, it wasn't much of a scare. The *Belfast Telegraph* reported that three men, aged 46, 49 and 56, had been detained after PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) representatives referred to finding a "viable device" in a vehicle.

It didn't go off.

The same edition of the paper reported that there were two other security alerts in a couple of other towns, both involving what were nebulously described as "suspicious objects".

Having things thrown at houses and Ulster flags pinned to a Catholic chapel might be ominous reminders of a recently disturbing past, but there were no explosions, so this was minor stuff.

My personal interest in this is that we spent that night in a hotel in downtown Derry, (as the city seems to be more regularly known,) and were unaware of any of this until someone in our tour group mentioned it at breakfast.

Tourists are a relatively new thing in Northern Ireland, according to our bus driver and the two city guides who took us around Belfast and Derry. For

many years, through what people refer to as "the Troubles", no one wanted to come here. Who would when bombs that did go off were daily occurrences, and churches were researching ways to protect their stained glass windows without losing all the light that such windows thrive on.

An increase in tourism, then, is viewed, along with the demilitarization of the various paramilitary groups, and the increase in investment in the state from other countries, as a sign that the Troubles are over and the sentiments that fed them are on the wane. That we are here, and spending nearly half of an Irish Tour in the North, is taken as a very encouraging sign.

We have been warned by our tour guides that locals may stop to take pictures of us as we are still a relatively rare species in the North, unlike in the Republic to the south, (and northwest -it's complicated...) where the tourist industry has been alive and well for years and is one of the big three economic engines.

There are reminders of the Troubles. The PSNI, which replaced the despised old police force, still works out of precinct stations that look like small forts. There is still one gated, heavily fenced Protestant en-

clave in the Bogside (it was once a marsh) area of Derry. The massive stone wall that surrounds the historic core of the city is a sign of its military past.

Indeed, the very confusion over what to call the city, Derry or Londonderry, is a reflection of the confusion its residents feel. The guide books note there was once a fashion in calling the city Londonderry/Derry, just to keep everyone happy, but our guide, who was a teenager during the height of the Troubles, notes that her age group tended to call it "Stroke City" in those days, a joking reference which combined the overcautious nomenclature with the real tension felt in the place.

Much of that seems to have passed away, and the people we are meeting seem anxious to keep it that way. The uplifting video about the town's history at the Tower Museum does not shy away from the Troubles, but advances the notion that the city and its people are moving beyond such things.

There remain relatively few disaffected souls, and perhaps it is significant that those arrested the other night were of a certain age rather than younger, as is more often the case in serious paramilitary actions elsewhere.



Wall murals, such as these in Bogside, are reminders of a troubled past.



However, many of the hasher murals have been replaced by more hopeful images, such as this peace dove.

We want to hear from you!

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NEWS

Sandy Silver Wins Election Gold

Story by Alyssa Friesen

On October 11, during the Yukon general election, Klondikers headed to the polls to determine a district upset.

After the tally of unofficial results, released by Elections Yukon, Liberal Sandy Silver emerged as the Klondike's new MLA with 49 percent of the vote (530 votes), 126 more votes than incumbent MLA Steve Nordick (Yukon Party), who finished with 404 votes (37 percent vote share). Jorn Meier (NDP), trailed with 147 votes (about 14 percent vote share).

The results did not come as a surprise to many

Klondikers, as public tempers vividly spilled during the all-candidates forum on September 28.

Elsewhere, however, the Yukon Party dominated by winning 11 of the 19 territorial seats, and established a majority government for the third time: Currie Dixon won Copperbelt North, Wade Istchenko in Kluane, Brad Cathers in Lake Laberge, Darrell Pasloski in Mountainview, Stacey Hassard in Pelly-Nisutlin, David Laxton in Porter Creek Centre, Doug Graham in Porter Creek North, Mike Nixon in Porter Creek South, Scott Kent in Riverdale North, Patti McLeod

in Watson Lake, and Elaine Taylor in Whitehorse West.

The NDP won six seats: Lois Moorcroft in Copperbelt South, Jim Tredger in Mayo-Tatchun, Kevin Barr in Mount Lorne-Southern Lakes, Jan Stick in Riverdale South, Kate White in Takhini-Kopper King, and Liz Hanson in Whitehorse Centre.

Darius Elias won the only other seat for the Liberals in Vuntut Gwitchin (Old Crow), beating his sole rival, the Yukon Party's Garry Njootli.

Voter turnout for the territory was 76 percent.

Klondike	Sandy Silver	Yukon Liberal Party <i>Parti libéral du Yukon</i>	530
	Jorn Meier	Yukon New Democratic Party <i>Nouveau parti démocratique du Yukon</i>	147
	Steve Nordick	Yukon Party • <i>Parti du Yukon</i>	404

Election results as posted by Elections Yukon.



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TH Swears In New Chief and Council

Following the election, which took place on October 3, the new chief and council were sworn in on the evening of October 13 at the Tr'ondek Hewech'in Community Hall.



From right to left: councillors Clara Van Bibber and Jay Farr, chief Eddie Taylor, and councillors Steve Taylor and Lynn Rear. Photo by Wayne Potoroka.

TR'ONDĒK HWĒCH'IN ELECTION

OCTOBER 3, 2011 ELECTION RESULTS

CANDIDATES FOR CHIEF:

Roberta JOSEPH	62
Eddie TAYLOR	113
Darren TAYLOR	90

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILLOR:

Bruce WARNSBY	118
Jay FARR	191
Clara VANBIBBER	164
Lynn REAR	156
Ben Peirson	131
Steve TAYLOR	148

FINAL RESULTS:

Chief: Incumbent Eddie Taylor

Councillors: Jay Farr, Clara VanBibber, Lynn Rear, Incumbent Steve Taylor



North of 60° Agriculture Conference and Banquet

Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5

Conference

Westmark Hotel & Conference Centre, Whitehorse
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Saturday, November 5

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Labourers/Workers: From the foreign worker program to WOOFERS; what you need to know about farm labour - tax, WCB, insurance and volunteers.

1 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Tractor Shopping - Getting it right: Scott Garvey, machinery editor for Grainews and Country Guide Magazines, speaks on tractors including utility and compact utility models.

3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Learnings from the Dawson Food Survey: Learn about the recent survey of Dawson area producers and consumers.

To learn more call (867) 667-5838, toll-free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 5838, or visit online at www.agriculture.gov.yk.ca

Banquet

"Yukon Grown" Banquet featuring local foods

Friday, November 4

Guests are welcome at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

\$22 per person

Tickets available from the Agriculture Branch:
Room 320,
Elijah Smith Building,
300 Main Street, Whitehorse



Yukon Educators Recognized by Prime Minister's Awards

PRESS RELEASE

(October 5, Ottawa) — Two Yukon educators have been recognized by the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Education. The Awards honour outstanding and innovative early childhood educators who excel at fostering the early development and socialization of the children in their care and at helping build the foundation children need to make the best possible start in life.

Dominic Bradford from Montessori Borealis in Whitehorse has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence. Inspired by travels to all corners of the world, Dominic is an inspirational leader in his community. He organizes fundraisers to help build schools in Afghanistan, build a ski "library" that houses skis for rural communities and a walkathon that raises awareness for children locally and around the world.

Stephanie Davidson from the Dawson Childcare Association in Dawson City has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement. You may have heard some of her students singing along on CBC radio. With musical talent and a network of professional musicians and community members, Stephanie provides unbeatable opportunities for the children in her care.

The Honourable Peter Van Loan, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, on behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, today announced the recipients of the 2010-11 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Excellence in Early Childhood Education. Award recipients were honoured at a ceremony in Ottawa, fittingly held on World Teachers' Day. The event also marked the launch of the nomination process for the 2011-12 Prime Minister's Awards.

"Great teachers inspire great minds to be their best," said

Minister Van Loan. "Today, we celebrate outstanding educators who are igniting the curiosity of their students and making Canada a better place, one child at a time."

This year, 84 Prime Minister's Awards were presented to teachers and early childhood educators, either individually or to teams, from across Canada. The Awards include 26 national Certificates of Excellence and 58 regional Certificates of Achievement for educational excellence at all levels, from preschool to secondary school. All award recipients were recognized as exceptionally innovative leaders who help students excel and young children get the best possible start in life.

All winners receive a certificate, a pin and a letter from the Prime Minister. Certificates of Excellence are each worth \$5,000 and are shared equally between the winners and their schools or childcare institutions. Certificates of Achievement are each worth \$1,000 and are given directly to recipients.

The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Excellence in Early Childhood Education were created in 1993 and 2002, respectively. For the first time this year, a space educator award was presented to a teacher who demonstrated outstanding, innovative and creative teaching in the area of space sciences. The 2010-11 winner of the space educator award is Sean Clark of Sacred Heart High School in Stittsville, Ontario.

Industry Canada delivers this awards program in partnership with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Health Canada, and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. Research In Motion Limited and the RBC Foundation are corporate partners of the program.

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All nominations must be received by **Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.**

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Illustration by Aubyn O'Grady

Mooney Credits Newfoundland for Inspiring His Writing

Story and photo by
Dan Davidson

Jacob McArthur Mooney was something of a late starter when it came to poetry. Not that early 20s is late when many people don't start writing serious poetry until they are decades older. Certainly, having two books - *The New Layman's Almanac* (2008) and *Folk* (2011) - by the time you are 28 isn't really late, but Mooney admits that he didn't have any particular interest in poetry while growing up.

"I remember there being assignments (in high school) and whatnot and doing it that way, but I was into other things," he says.

"I think I got through to writing through theatre, because I had done a lot of work in the local theatre community in Chester (Nova Scotia) and ended up writing for theatre.

"I don't know why I wasn't into it. I liked it. I read a lot. But I was just into other things. I was into drama. I was really into politics."

Going off to college in St. John's, Newfoundland, where he wasn't connected to a theatre community, changed his focus.

"I needed something a little but more insular and solo and I started writing poetry, which is about as insular and solo as it gets.

"Also, I think, I didn't know a living author until I got to college. That makes it change from being something people have done to being something people are still doing. It's sort of a light switch."

He says has seen that same reaction from friends of his when they finally realize what he does.

"They'll say 'I didn't know people still wrote poetry.' I guess I didn't either until I met people who were doing it, and doing it well."

He credits just being in Newfoundland as being part of his inspiration.

"I think there isn't any part of the English speaking world that I'm familiar with that's more directly and unabashedly in love with language on a day-to-day level. Even beyond words like art or poetry, it's language that has levels of self-expression far beyond the delivering of information that the words possess.

"I may have had an interest in writing for the story telling aspect of it, but what made it poetry was hearing the lilt and hearing the soundplay and the vernacular architecture of the language that's there."

His first degree was in Child Psychology with a minor in History, but he says he tended to arrange his schedule around working in as many creative writing courses as possible.

Mooney came to Berton House (succeeding on his second application) to work on a novel. The two possible working titles are *The God Museum* and *Stalwarts*. It involves the life of a man in a town called Hope, which is what remains of a religious commune founded in the days of his father.

The project started while he was working on his Masters of Fine Arts degree at Guelph

and was required to write something other than poetry as part of his course work. One of his teachers was a descendent of Moses Coady, who was the inspiration of the Cooperative movement in Antigonish. Then too, Mooney had spent five summers in Pennsylvania, working at a summer camp deep in the heart of Quaker country. Eventually this caused him to wonder what form such a movement might take if it were happening now.

He's been finding himself fascinated with the act of world creation that a novel involves. The setting is in several imaginary towns in two counties in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley, and yet there are scenes that happen

in real places just over the border of his fictitious townships.

Mooney reveled in having dedicated time to write again when he arrived in Dawson this summer.

"I was expecting more pressure to be interacting with the town, and I'm glad there wasn't more. Not that I haven't enjoyed interacting, but I've been working full time for the last three years (doing copywriting for a web startup), so having three months (to write) when I came here, I sort of overdosed on this time. I barely talked to anyone for the first month and a half."

Eventually his girlfriend came to stay with him for a few weeks and he got out

more and found himself doing more of that after she departed.

He's completed a first draft of the novel while in residence and, while there is bound to be lots of rewriting to do, he has sent it off to be read for an opinion.

For the next few months after leaving Dawson he will be travelling in Europe with his sister before heading back to Toronto. While travelling he expects to work on more poetry rather than revising the novel, but he is pleased to have completed it as far as he has.



Jacob McArthur Mooney found his time at Berton House was very productive.

Library Notes: Bob Hayes Reading

PRESS RELEASE

(October 5, Dawson City) - The Dawson City Community Library is pleased to host "Wolves of the Yukon" a reading and slideshow by Wolf Biologist and Author, Bob Hayes.

This will be held on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 PM.

Bob Hayes was the Yukon wolf biologist for twenty years, and a Canadian member of the IUCN Wolf Specialist Group for

eight years. He radio-collared hundreds of Yukon wolves, pioneering research on their kill rates on moose, Dall's sheep, and woodland and migratory barren-ground caribou. He studied the effects of broad-scale wolf control on both wolf and prey populations, guiding the first research on wolf fertility control for reducing predation. He has published extensively in wildlife science journals and books.

In 2010 he published *Wolves*

of the Yukon, a non-fiction book chronicling the natural history of the Yukon since the last ice age, seen through the eyes of the gray wolf. In the book he shows the benefits of aerial wolf control to prey are short-term, and argues that the practice should end. *Wolves of the Yukon* has received widespread critical acclaim.

For more information, visit the Dawson City Community Library.



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ARTS AND CULTURE

Jazz Concert Warms Dawson Ears

Story and photos by
Alyssa Friesen

On October 14, the Oddfellows Hall dimmed the lights and took the packed ballroom for an exotic escape. The evening flowed with wine and beer, flickering candles, and sensuous, Brazilian jazz.

Presented by Jazz Yukon and the Dawson City Arts Society, the vocals of Fernanda Cunha were featured along with agile fingers of Michael Creber on piano, strumming of Doug Stephenson on bass, and rhythm of Phil Belanger on drums.

Cunha arrived in the Yukon from Brazil, where she was born and raised, and has been touring since 1997. Cunha has

also toured South America, Europe, Asia and North America, making appearances at international jazz festivals including Jazz a Juan in France, Wien Jazz Festival in Austria, Aarhus Jazz Festival in Denmark, Badajoz in Spain, Jazz al fin in Argentina, and the Torwonto Jazz Festival.

In Dawson, Cunha's smooth voice rolled through a collection of songs from her latest album, *Brasil Canada*, in combination with Brazillian favorites by Antonio Carlos Jobim, Djavan and Ivan Lins.

Concluding with "Goodnight America", Cunha and her band were encored back to the stage to drop the spell-cast audience one more song.

The quartet has played

together before—Cunha preformed with Creber, Stephenson and Belanger at the Vancouver Jazz Festival in 2010, and the Borneo Jazz Festival in Malaysia earlier this year. Reunited for the Yukon tour, they treated the audience with playful jokes (at one point the Belanger poked fun at the Portuguese title of a song, calling it "shaking sausage" to the chuckles of the audience,) and applaud-raising solos (especially from Creber's quick fingers skimming over the piano keys.)

Cunha's three-stop tour of the Yukon (which included St. Elias Convention Centre in Haines Junction on October 13) concluded on October 16 at Jazz on the Wing in Whitehorse.



HISTORY'S SHADY UNDERBELLY

With Phil Wolters, Dawson City Museum Program Manager



A crowd glimpses the trial from the courthouse's windows in 1901.

Curse of the Christmas Killer

On Christmas Day, 1899, three men were killed along the trail they were travelling together. The bodies of Lynn Relfe, Ole Olsen and Fred Clayson were discovered littered with bullet holes, including fatal shots to the head. At the time, the murder was considered the most heinous criminal act ever to happen in the Klondike, the North, and one of the worst in the history of North America.

The man charged was George O'Brien. O'Brien was a career criminal who had only made it out of jail for acts of thievery on September 16, roughly two months before the murders took place. He was nowhere to be found when the bodies were discovered in the Yukon River. The Northwest Mounted Police discovered a tent about a mile and a half from the scene of the crime, which contained many of O'Brien's personal belongings, as well as items that belonged to each of the three victims, and canned goods that had been reported stolen from people's caches in the area.

All signs pointed to O'Brien as the killer. Witnesses came forward to say that O'Brien had talked to them about teaming up to rob and murder people, but that they'd declined. He didn't help his cause by leaving the area and heading down to Tagish, where he was discovered living under an assumed identity in early January. His false identity wasn't a convincing one: O'Brien claimed to be a Mr. Ross,

founder of Rossland, British Columbia.

The George O'Brien trial provided 10 days of highly anticipated entertainment for the people of Dawson. *The Daily Klondike Nugget* reported on June 10, 1901 that every inch of the courtroom was filled, and dozens more people were gathered around the windows to look in. The prosecutor and the judge were unanimous in their expressed interest in ending the trial as quickly as possible. The defence attorney, Mr. Bleeker, helped to comply by failing to offer any evidence or call any witnesses. O'Brien never really had a chance, and was convicted and sentenced to hang.

On August 23, 1901, the day of O'Brien's death, a notice appeared in the *Nugget*, written by O'Brien, asserting his innocence once again. On that same day, the *Nugget* reported a chilling final speech from O'Brien, who was given one last chance to confess before he was hanged. Standing at the gallows, in front of a crowd of spectators who'd been given tickets to the hanging, O'Brien offered these words:

"I have the power to place a curse upon you all; I am the Virgin Mary and I have placed my curse upon these men. You are sending me to everlasting hellfire and I shall send you there. Go on and kill me, torture me if you like, but you shall not escape my curse."

AUTHORS ON 8TH

Treasure

By Richard Howells

I just could not take
Any more of her lying
And her low-down cheating kind.

So I headed up north to the Yukon that summer
To get her off of my mind
We were panning for Gold
In them broad Yukon Valleys
Beneath mountains almost too high to climb
My partner threw down his pan
And held those rocks in his hand
And said this claim here ain't worth a dime

That's when I took off my ring
And I gave it a fling
If it's gone for good,
I don't care
I'm telling you buddy,
There's gold in these hills
I should know
Cause I put it here.

My partner he told me it's all just bad timing
He said the gold rush has been over for years
The only thing left in this God awful land
Is the heartache, the sweat and the tears
He said for everybody who left here a rich man
Another died by his own hand
I told him be of good cheer
I know there's gold here
The treasure I've held in my hand

Because I took off her ring
And I gave it a fling
If it's gone for good I don't care
I'm telling you buddy
There's gold in these hills
I should know cause I put it here.

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Guilty Heartless would like to thank all the members of the Heartless Bastard Boys. He also thanks all the REAL musicians for showing up. "Take care, hope to see you next year. Always thinking of our brother the Walrus." G.B.



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ARTS AND CULTURE

SPOOKY!
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Forget those skeleton and kitty costumes, here are some locally inspired Halloween costumes that won't slash your savings.

Mustache + Wings: George Black Fairy

Just a couple of pieces of fabric and some scissors turn you into Local folk heros!

Cut out some eyeholes in an old hat, grab some spruce branches, fashion a bench out of a beer case and some tape, now you're a sexy Midnight Dome!

CATCH MY THRIFT ? A BI-WEEKLY FASHION COLUMN BY AUBYN O'AUBYN

New Faces at SOVA: Meet Kalyna Riis-Phillips

Story by Kay Linley

You may have seen us around town, taking photos of random objects or sketching each other in coffee shops and bars. We are the students who make up the 2011/2012 Foundation Year program at the Yukon School of Visual Arts. Our faces are new to the community of Dawson, so we would like to introduce ourselves to you.

Every couple of weeks I will be interviewing a fellow art student here at SOVA. They will be giving us some insight into who they are, what has brought them to Dawson City and what they hope to achieve here at SOVA and in the near future.

I recently interviewed Kalyna Riis-Phillips, a twenty-year-old art student from Whitehorse, who has chosen SOVA and Dawson City to be her home for the next year.

When did you first get involved in the arts?

Riis-Phillips: I have been drawing for as long as I can remember. Art is a big part of my family. My mother, uncle and cousin are all interested in the arts. I received encouragement from them to pursue my interest in drawing and painting. I also have another cousin who is into gaming, which also peaked my interest for graphic arts.

What is your favourite medium to work with?

Riis-Phillips: I prefer to work with ink and pencils, as much of my interest lies in drawing graphic cartoons. I am also enjoying experimenting with different media. For example, we just completed a 3-dimensional project at school using linear materials. I chose to make a bat-like creature out of oven-wire and really enjoyed the process (see photo of *Spider-Bat*: a recent experimentation in linear sculpture).

What are some of your previous life and/or work experiences involving your art?

Riis-Phillips: I won an online competition where I had to create a 100 page graphic novel involving numerous characters and different settings. I have also worked as a graphic designer, creating advertisements, logos and web pages.

What artists inspire your creative process?

Riis-Phillips: The painter Thomas Stream inspires me with his use of vibrant colour. I also admire many local painters based in Whitehorse. These artists inspire me to create and to challenge myself as an artist.

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STEWED PRUNES

With Rebecca Williams



Nut Crunch Pumpkin Pie

This pumpkin pie is the best part of Thanksgiving, hands down. Spending time with friends and family is a close second, but I've yet to find a pie that tops this one - especially when it's served warm with fresh whipped cream. The nut and brown sugar crust makes it a little different from the traditional pumpkin pie, and although I think it makes it better, you can easily just make the pumpkin pie filling if you've got a nut allergy or some weird nut phobia - it will still be delicious.

I know it's a little late for a Thanksgiving recipe, but really a pumpkin pie this good shouldn't be just for the holidays.

This past Thanksgiving was my first in Dawson, and it was awesome. I've spent a lot of holidays away from my family in Vancouver, but I've never had so many homes welcome me to their festivities while I'm away. It was fun, it was filling, it was drunken - just like home. And just like home, I offered up this pie as my contribution to the many meals I marathoned my way through this year. More than anything I appreciated the company of everyone I've met in Dawson. So thanks Dawson, for making this one of the best holidays I've spent away from home.

Ingredients:

- 2 9" pie crusts
- 1 398 ml can pumpkin
- 1 385 ml can evaporated milk
- 2 medium eggs
- 3/4 c brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp ground cloves

Nut Topping:

- 1 c chopped pecans or walnuts
- 3/4 c brown sugar
- 1/4 c butter or margarine, melted

Whipping Cream

To Make:

In a large bowl with mixer at medium speed, beat pumpkin with milk, eggs, brown sugar, cloves, cinnamon, salt, ginger and nutmeg until well mixed. Pour into a large pitcher. Place pie shells on oven rack; pour in pumpkin mixture. Bake at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 35 minutes. (Cover pastry edges with foil if browning too quickly). Reduce heat to 325 degrees and bake a further 15 minutes or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool pie completely on wire rack. For topping, mix together ingredients (except whipped cream) and spoon over pie. Broil about 5 - 7 inches from source of heat for 3 minutes or until topping is golden and sugar is dissolved. Garnish with whipped cream.

Blast From the Past

By Lisa McKenna

Mary Isabel Catherine Bernadette O'Brian - now that's quite a handful to say! It's not a wonder she changed her name.

Born in 1939, O'Brien unfortunately passed away from cancer in 1999. However, in those short 60 years, she not only affected the people who loved and listened to her but she influenced the whole world of music.

O'Brien was known as the "White Queen of Soul". She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, accepted into the UK Hall of Fame, and she was named the top female British Female Artist in 1964, 1965 and 1968.

She wore the classic 1960s blonde bouffant, paired with bright, blue eye shadow.

In love with the son of a preacher, she just kept wishing, and hoping, and thinking, and praying, planning and dreaming... everyday!

Think of the top of your fridge, think of brand new flowers, think of wheat, or barley or flax. Haven't you guessed it yet?

Okay, I'll let you off the hook. Be pleased to meet Mary with her new and approved name. I introduce to you Miss Dusty Springfield. A beautiful addition to the history of Rock and Roll.



Illustration by Aubyn O'Grady

ENVIRONMENT

Be Bear Aware This Fall

PRESS RELEASE

(October 6, Whitehorse) - Environment Yukon advises the public to not put the bear spray away just yet. October typically sees grizzly bears coming closer to town as they try to eat as much as possible before denning up for the winter. Black bears are still active as well.

Residents should continue being 'bear aware' when outside and especially

when using greenbelt trails. Conservation Officers recommend trail users continue to carry bear spray.

Bear attractants will attract bears to your yard. Loose garbage, bird seed, pet food, barbeques, and hanging meat must be managed. A bear's sense of smell is 2,000 times better than a human's, and even 20 times better than a dog's - if they can smell it, they will try to get it.

A checklist for backyard bear

attractants is available on the Environment Yukon website, along with other brochures: www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/bears

When and where Whitehorse-area bears go into hibernation depends on an individual bear's health, food availability and snow conditions. Bears have been spotted at all times of the year throughout Yukon, although most start hibernating by late October.

Ever Heard of a Vegequarium?

Story by Lisa McKenna

A "vegequarium" is a fish tank that grows greens. It consists of a wooden frame on top of a fish tank, and the frame is filled with the greens (or herbs). Plants benefit from the warmth and the fact that the ammonia rich water (which can be toxic to the fish) is recycled by helpful bacteria to turn into nitrites, which are very good for plants.

The fish also benefit, not only from the removal of the ammonia, but the filtered water from the seedling trays drips back into the tank, increasing aeration.

It's an eco-friendly system. Much of the materials needed can be found at the freestore or local construction sites (make

sure to ask permission!) By growing greens and herbs in this fashion, one benefit is not adding harmful elements into our air. There is no emissions from farm equipment, transportation, and your greens will not contain any pesticides or chemicals. Talk about organic!

This winter I'm going to find me a fish tank and check it out. I'll keep you posted on it's progress.

All you need is:

1. 10 gallon tank
2. A small fountain pump
3. A seedling tray (with holes)
4. A seedling tray (with no holes)
5. 16" of 3/8" vinyl tubing
6. 10" sections of 5/8" tubing

7. A 1X6-6' cedar board
8. 4 small 90 degree brackets

9. 8 1 1/8" screws
10. 16 1/2" screws
11. Expanding clay or pea gravel

12. Fish, and seeds!
Complete instructions on how to ensemble this project can be found at: http://www.ecoactionteams.ca/pub/contest/how/winners/justin_nadeau/.

Be expecting further updates on this endeavor and pictures too! Try it yourselves and report your findings to the Klondike Sun at klondikesun@northwestel.net.

Hug a Tree Photo Contest

PRESS RELEASE

(October 6) - Nature Canada is excited to announce the launch of our national Hug a Tree photo contest, in celebration of the International Year of Forests. The contest is part of an effort to promote dialogue about trees and forest conservation - and it's simple. Help us show how much Canadians love our forests by uploading your photo of the best tree hug you have, and you could win one of several prizes, including an Apple iPad. With the peak of the fall

colours coinciding with the Thanksgiving long weekend, this is the perfect time for Canadians to embrace the outdoors.

Photos of tree hugs can be submitted online at www.natureexplorers.ca/win in several categories, including best group hug and most amazing hug.

"The world's forests are essential to life on this planet, and home to the majority of the earth's biodiversity," said Chris Sutton, Nature Canada's director of communications. "Since Canada is home to 10% of the world's forests, and forests cover half the

Canadian landscape, we have a key role to play in the global effort to conserve and sustainably manage forests. The Hug a Tree Photo Contest is a fun way to get us thinking about all we owe to forests.

Entries for the Hug a Tree contest will be accepted through January 8, 2012. Winners will be announced in early 2012 and all the entries will be showcased in a photo gallery on the Nature Explorers website.



The Commissioner's Awards

Call for fall 2011 nominations:

- ◆ Public Volunteer Service
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Nominations are due in the Commissioner's Office by October 30.

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KIDS' CORNER

Stories and illustrations
by Lisa Michelle

J is for JELL-O

Packaged gelatin was first patented by Peter Cooper in 1845, but he didn't do much with it.

Pearle B. Wait discovered how to add flavoring into the gelatin in 1897. His wife, May, named it Jell-O. It came in strawberry, raspberry, orange and lemon.

The Jell-O company was sold to Orator Frances Woodward for \$450 in 1899.

During the early 1900s, immigrants arriving in New York were served Jell-O to welcome them to America.

Over 300 million boxes of Jell-O are sold in the US every year! Utah has adopted it as their "Official State Snack".

There has been a cola flavored Jell-O, but it only lasted a year. Now there are over 20 different flavors, ranging from the original strawberry to pina colada.

As Bill Cosby, who was Jell-O's spokesman for 30 years, said: "HEY YOU KIDS! GET OUT OF MY JELL-O TREE!". (I think he just liked Jell-O too much.)

Jell-O has even been eaten in space!

Jupiter

Jupiter is the fourth brightest object in our universe, (preceded by the sun, the moon and Venus.)

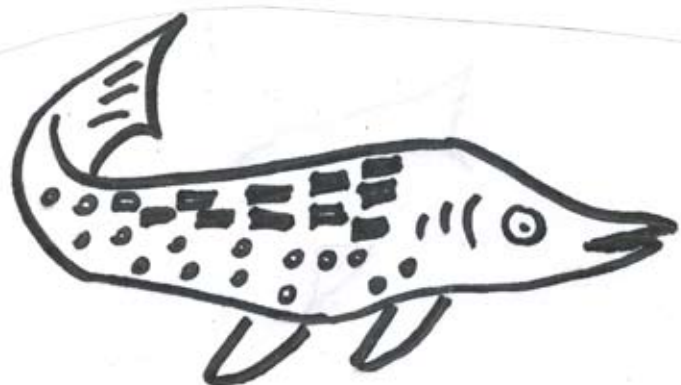
It has 62 moons! Some are really small, so it's generally said Jupiter has only four moons: Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. These moons were discovered by Galileo in 1610, and are now referred to as the Galilean moons.

Jupiter is what is known as a "gas planet". It has no solid surfaces and is 90 percent hydrogen and 10 percent helium - the stuff that makes your balloons float. It might have an inner core of rock and heavy metals which scientists guess is the size of about 15 earths!



Jackfish

Jackfish, otherwise known as Northern Pike, are an olive-green fish with bellies fading from yellow to white. They are covered with dark, short, bar-like spots. They even have spots on their fins!



Jackfish are really good to eat, but they have lots of bones. Some of their bones are called Y bones.

You have to know what you are doing to properly skin and fillet a jackfish. When you get your fishing license, it comes with a book of the local fishing regulations. Near the back of the book it will show you how to skin and fillet a jackfish, but it will still take a lot of practice.

Some say jackfish like bright colors on their lures, so if I were you, I would use yellow or orange.

JUST FOR FUN:

If you want to learn more about the planets and the stars go to kidsastronomy.com and you can find out some real cool facts!

HEY KIDS! WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FLAVOUR OF JELL-O? HAVE YOU BEEN FISHING?

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT!

Email your pictures, stories and poems to Lisa at klondikesun@northwestel.net before Friday, October 28 at Noon!